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Conversion of night-soil into poudrette.

* 342 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of converting night-soil into poudrette as suggested by the Agricultural Commission ; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to train members of the Municipal Sanitary staff in this method of disposing of night-soil ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No. The Public Health Department will make the experiments.

Agriculture

Establishment of a subsidiary station for millets at Adoni.

* 343 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress made in the establishment of a subsidiary station for millets and cotton work at Adoni, Bellary district ; and

(*b*) when the actual work is likely to be begun at the station ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A site was selected last year for a subsidiary station at Adoni which was considered suitable for the purpose in every respect provided good water could be found on it or close to it. It was decided to wait until this important point had been tested. Borings have now been made and there are excellent prospects of finding water. A final test has to be made to select the best spot and make quite sure of the supply. If this proves successful proposals for opening a subsidiary station will be put up in connexion with the budget of 1930–31. Work will be begun immediately funds are sanctioned.

Industries

Progress in the setting up of an activated sludge plant at Coimbatore.

* 344 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress made in the setting up of an activated sludge plant at Coimbatore ; and

(*b*) when it is likely to be finished ?

A.—(*a*) A revised estimate for the installation of an activated sludge plant at Coimbatore was sanctioned on 16th July 1929. The masonry portion of the work has been about half finished. Further work has been stopped till the next dry season owing to a rise in the sub-soil water, with a view to avoid excess expenditure.

(*b*) It is not possible to say when the work is likely to be finished but it will be pushed through as early as possible.